

# Design Clean and Green logo

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**PAINESVILLE** - Clean and Green Lake County, an annual event that encourages residents to help clean and green their neighborhoods, will be celebrated April 15 through May 31. All Lake County youth are invited to enter the annual recycling and anti-litter themed logo contest. Entries are divided into three divisions, elementary, middle and high school.

The overall winning design will be used as the logo for all 2012 Clean and Green promotional materials. The overall winner will also receive a trophy made of recycled glass and his/her logo will be displayed on the wall of the Lake County Administration Building in Painesville. All winners will receive their logo to display as a mounted poster in their school and will be honored at a Lake County Board of Commissioner's meeting in April.

Logos must have a recycling or anti-littering theme and include the words Lake County. Logos should be simple, clear, original color designs. Entries must be on 8-1/2" x 8-1/2" plain white paper, with no lines. Logos must be submitted in color. Eraser marks make printing difficult so pay attention to details. Neatness counts. Logos must be original designs. Copyrighted characters and ad logos are not permitted. Print on the back of each entry: student's name, age, grade level, and teacher. Also included the school name, address and phone number. Winners will be notified through their teachers. Entries must be mailed flat or delivered to the Extension office. Entries must be received by Monday, March 12 for consideration. Winning logos must convey a recycling or anti-littering message. Logos not following the above rules will not be judged.

Deadline for entries is Monday, MARCH 12. Return entries to: OSU Extension, Lake County, 99 E. Erie St., Painesville, 44077.

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## New users to pay for expansion of treatment plant

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**LAKE COUNTY** - The Madison Wastewater Treatment Plant will receive upgrades to meet new EPA requirements and an expansion to accommodate new users costing up to \$21 million. The Board of Commissioners approved a resolution allowing the Department of Utilities to advertise for bids for the project at the Feb. 16 commissioners' meeting.

The contractors will have the opportunity to bid on the whole project or separate parts of the project such as electrical or plumbing.

The bids will be opened March 28.

"Back, probably about five to six years ago, we started looking at expanding and upgrading the Madison Sewage Treatment Plant," said Al Saari, county sanitary engineer. "The last upgrade and expansion that had taken place was in 1972, so it's 40 years old."

Although the plant has not had problems with untreated discharge, it has been close to capacity and EPA continues to reduce discharge limits. So, the plans call for expanding capacity from three million gallons per day to five mgd.

Saari said the LCDU is financing the project with a loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). The rate has been just above 3 percent and will be a floating rate based on the bond market.

A second resolution passed by the commission-

ers increases the tap-in fees, to be charged to new users only, after completion of the expansion in 2013. The rate will increase to \$5.705 per gallon per day for sewage treated from the current charge of \$3.375 set in 1994. The resolution does not change the sanitary sewer rate set most recently.

The tap-in, or capacity fee, would be about \$2,282 per residential equivalent unit for new customers only, on and after Jan. 1, 2014.

"This is the same process we used on the Mentor plant where we basically said that upgrades that would be required by the EPA for treatment would be probably born by the existing rate-payers, but the expansion of the plant would be born solely by future users," said Commissioner Dan Troy. "When they tap in, it's a one-time payment; this is not ongoing. They (new users) are paying for the expansion; the existing users should not be paying for the expansion."

He said the county should be proud because the two Lake County wastewater treatment plants do not discharge any untreated water, not even when there are heavy rainstorms. Other plants do have that problem on occasion which is evident by the algae which can be seen on the lake.

The expansion at the Madison plant will help ensure the plant has enough capacity so it continues to properly treat all sewage coming into the plant.